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New "Commish" in town "Halton region welcomes Peter Crockett"

By DONNA DANIELLI

There's a new face these days at the Region of Halton, as retiring Commissioner of Planning and Public Works Patrick Murphy is replaced by newcomer Peter Crockett. The new Commissioner of Planning and Public Works comes to Halton from the City of Hamilton, where he held the position of General Manager, Public Works.

"The first week has been very interesting," says the forty-seven year old engineer. "I've met a lot of really interesting people." The opportunity to work with new faces was in actuality, one of the factors that brought Crockett to the Region. "Halton has a great reputation of quality staff and quality people, as well as a respectful staff and Council relationship," explains Crockett. "It was the relationship between staff

and Council that was so attractive. That and all of the exciting things happening in Halton right now. There's so much going on now from a planning standpoint."

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High on the agenda for Crockett is the management of growth in a manner that ensures proper infrastructure is in place while maintaining a respect for the environment. "There are a lot of challenges in terms of where, when, why and how," he points out. "And how do you manage that and at the same time minimize the disruption on the public side?"

Halton CAO Brent Marshall is confident that Peter Crockett is just the man to helm the Planning Department through these tumultuous times. "Mr. Crockett brings a range of experience, including public works operations and transportation planning, to the Region," stated Marshall. "This combination of skills and experience will ensure Peter is a valuable addition to Halton's Management team, as well as an effective leader within the Planning and Public Works Department."



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

Peter Crockett became Halton Region's new commissioner of Planning and Public Works on Monday, August 9, 2004. Mr. Crockett's office is located at the Halton Regional Centre at 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville.



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Norval resident Louanne Wright and her daughter, 9-year-old Kaitlynn Kolia, demonstrate some of the fighting spirit that's built into a dish of Newfie fries. Newfie fries are one of the more popular items on the menu at her restaurant. Louanne's Famous Fries is located off Trafalgar Road near the 10th Sideroad. See full story on page 5.

Brazilian snowbird flies in

By JENNIFER ENRIGHT

Snow may not seem like such a big deal to young people in Canada. But it's something of a novelty for 16-year-old Luane de Mello Tavares.

The student, who is a native of Joinville, Brazil, a city south of Sao Paulo, said that one of the things she would like to experience while in Canada is our winters - and that includes the white stuff. "I chose Canada because of the snow."

Luane, who is currently stay-

ing at the home of Rob Charette and his family in Eden Mills, will be staying in Canada for a year as part of a student exchange program sponsored by the Acton Rotary Club and other Rotary Clubs. She will live with three families during the course of the school year and attend Acton High School as a student.

She's only been in Canada since August 12, but in that short time she has taken in a Blue Jays

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